



## Hoops Are Here!

And the Picture Shows the Way of Them

Specifically, they are net bands, made stiff at bottom with feather boning and suspended on long white bands or ribbons, to be worn under the skirt.

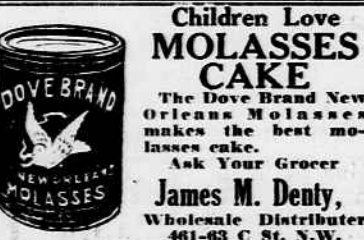
They hold out the bottom of the skirt in the new, fashionable flare effect, and everybody seems to think that they are going to have a new day of importance.

They are very dainty things and very comfortable—vastly improved over the great steel hoops of the grandmother times.

Prices are \$2 and \$3.

**OPPENHEIMER'S**

8th and E. N.W.



## FIRE SALE

The Adjusters Have Just Placed on Sale

One Lot of Men's Corduroy Trousers

Were good values at \$2.50. Now \$1.69

One Lot of Men's Olive Drab and Khaki Trousers

That sold at \$1.00. Now \$1.50

1 Lot Riding Breeches; assorted styles, sizes and prices.

No. C. O. D.'s, Charges, Refunds or Exchanges

Fire Adjustment Sale

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1331 F Street N.W.

As During this sale our Tailoring and Outdoor Equipment Sections and Offices will run as usual in our building, 1327 F St. N.W.

SHOREHAM HOTEL

11 NORTHWEST AT FIFTEENTH

Washington

European Plan. Fireproof.

WASHINGTON'S MOST EXCLUSIVE HOTEL

Noted for its cuisine and perfection of individual service.

R. S. DOWNS, Mgr.

TODD'S Celebrated Smithfield Virginia Hams

Sold by Net Weight When Order Is Taken

John H. Magruder

Fine Groceries and Wines

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The Star

## CHICAGO POISONER MOCKS THE POLICE

Ridicules Efforts of New York Officials to Capture Him.

SENDS THEM COPIES OF HIS FINGER PRINTS

Letters to Newspaper Denounce Churches and Justifies Putting Arsenic in the Soup.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Believing that Jean Cronis, the Chicago chef accused of poisoning the soup at a dinner of Catholic clergymen and laymen in that city in New York city or nearby, the police made every effort today to run him down. The authorities think Cronis is the author of two letters mailed in this city to the New York Times, in which the writer boasts that he has escaped arrest and makes veiled threats.

The identification by John M. McCourt, assistant United States district attorney at Scranton, Pa., of the facsimile of the first Cronis letter received here as the handwriting of the man wanted in Chicago stimulated police efforts here. Cronis' writing was identified by examination papers he had sent to a correspondence school in Scranton.

The second letter apparently signed by Cronis, received by the New York paper last night, contained what purported to be his finger prints. The police are endeavoring to learn by these prints whether Cronis had a record in the police bureau of identification.

Tells Why He Did It.

In this letter the writer attempted to tell in an incoherent manner "why I did it." Many of the words are misspelled, as was the case in the previous letter. The writer asserted that "while at Europe millions of Christians are slaughtering each other in the most bloody massacre, and in these few country thousands of men and women are training for the purpose of killing and shelter at the very same time the church holds dinners and pays 15¢ for each cover which is served with Beluga caviar and champagne, the same money, which was begared from poor working men and women, the same money were the blood of poor workers has run for."

"These conditions," the writer continued, "are an scandal. That is the failure of Christianity and an insult toward honest workers. I challenge to humanity. Let the church answer those my charges toward the World and I shall stand for the charges made against me."

"The police makes me laugh. When I was in Buffalo two spies where after me. After awhile they went 'back.' How foolish is the police not working for an hour around the police headquarters, but no one came out and got me. I am glad that the spies from Chicago are coming, than I know better at what time to let go."

Look for Cronis' Arrest.

CHICAGO, February 18.—Following the publication in New York today of another letter, believed to have been written by Jean Cronis, former assistant chef at the University Club here, police officials looked for Cronis' arrest in some eastern city, on a charge of putting poison in the soup served at a banquet given by Archbishop George W. Mundelein, one week ago last night.

The federal operatives here continue their efforts to assist the police in running down reports that the poisoning was the result of an anti-clerical plot of nationwide proportion. It was learned today that government agents received warning of such a conspiracy more than three months ago. At that time it was reported that anarchistic leaders had been holding secret meetings at St. Paul, Minn., and had discussed plans for a "reign of terror" to be created throughout the United States by the destruction of churches and public buildings. It was reported that the new \$2,500,000 federal building at Denver, Colo., was among those marked for destruction.

Births Reported.

The following births have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours:

Julius and Clara Grossen, girl.

Joseph and Annie Gates, boy.

Ben F. and Alice C. Fairfax, boy.

Arthur L. and Annie V. Garrett, girl.

Frank L. and Emma E. Hoffmeister, girl.

John P. and Marguerite Sieber, boy.

William A. and Mary C. Mullikin, boy.

Thomas A. and Julia M. Linnane, girl.

Manly and Edith Iden, girl.

Shasha and Rosa Rappin, girl.

William H. and Lola M. Hutchins, boy.

Alvin W. and Mary Kennedy, boy.

Herbert and Rebecca Neal, girl.

Charles H. and Hattie Hughes, girl.

Frank E. and Elizabeth Williams, boy.

Charles D. and Elenora Braxton, boy.

Deaths Reported.

The following deaths have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours:

Charles Miller, 78 years, 3d and H streets northeast.

Mary J. Norton, 75 years, 313 11th street southwest.

Edward Lord Winne, 74 years, 501 K street northeast.

Charles H. Waitz, 70 years, Hospital, United States Soldiers' Home.

Henry H. Elsher, 58 years, Highlands apartments.

Jonina A. Borland, 58 years, 423 6th street southwest.

William Sauer, 55 years, 708 Massachusetts avenue northeast.

Patrick Hanley, 52 years, Government Hospital for the Insane, 610 1st street northwest.

William S. Sammons, 50 years, 713 9th street northwest.

Fred Hill, 48 years, Government Hospital for the Insane.

Annie Robin, 48 years, 502 M street northwest.

Jacob Perry Horn, 45 years, 2408 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Mrs. Mary Garage, 29 years, George Washington University Hospital.

Margaret L. O'Brien, 1 year, 553 14th street southeast.

Norwood Gleason, 6 hours, Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Settle Van Horn, 40 years, Tuberculosis Hospital.

Edward Brown, 75 years, 2128 Wyoming avenue northwest.

Wilson Thomas, 35 years, Tuberculosis Hospital.

James Jackson, 9 months, Lamond Station, D. C.

Infant of Mary and Percy Brown, 1 hour, National Homeopathic Hospital.

Spanish pencil makers have ordered thirty tons of cedar from the United States.

## HANS SCHMIDT PAYS PENALTY OF CRIME

Slayer of Anna Aumuller Electrocuted Today at Sing Sing Prison.

MAKES BRIEF STATEMENT; SEATS HIMSELF IN CHAIR

Atrocious Murder in New York September 2, 1913—Perpetrator Had Been Detected in Counterfeiting.

OSSINING, N. Y., February 18.—Hans Schmidt was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison today for the murder of Anna Aumuller, September 2, 1913.

Schmidt went quietly to the death chamber, accompanied by the principal keeper and the Rev. Father Cashin, the prison chaplain. Leaving the death house he said good-bye to those who remained.

When he entered the chamber, the guards attempted to direct him toward the chair, but Schmidt gently seized them off and insisted upon addressing the seventeen witnesses.

His Last Words for His Mother.

The guards desisted from their efforts and, with Father Cashin standing at one side and the keeper at the other, Schmidt said:

"Gentlemen, I ask forgiveness of all those I have injured or scandalized. I forgive all who have injured me. My last wish is to say good-bye to my dear old mother."

Schmidt then seated himself in the electric chair and the current was applied three times. Within a minute he was dead. He had spent the night up to midnight in praying and talking with Father Cashin, and slept from midnight to 5 o'clock, when he was awakened for breakfast. He would take only a cup of coffee.

Story of the Crime.

When the torso of Anna Aumuller's body was washed up on the New Jersey shore of the Hudson river, there started a search which has had but few parallels in the annals of New York crime. There was but one faint clue, a pillow slip on which was embroidered the letter "A," but it was just such a pillow slip which has been the basis of homes or stores. There was not even a laundry mark to aid the police. This slender clue inspired Paurot took personal charge of the case, and on September 14, 1913, twelve days after the murder, Hans Schmidt, an assistant priest at an uptown church, was arrested, charged with the crime.

An hour before the arrest the inspector broke into a flat and found a long-bladed butcher's knife and other evidence that the murder had been committed here. Schmidt confessed, and his sole defense was that it was a "blood sacrifice murder."

The body had been dismembered, and presumably all of it was thrown into the river, although the head was never found. Schmidt was twice placed on the first jury in December, 1913, failing to reach a verdict. In February, 1914, he was found guilty.

Accomplice Sent to Prison.

Besides the sordid story of Anna Aumuller's infatuation for Schmidt, the trial revealed that he was a career criminal. He was engaged in a counterfeiting scheme at the time the murder was committed, it developed, and "Dr. A. Muret, who posed as a dentist, was sent to prison for seven years and Schmidt's accomplice in the latter's scheme. It was found that Schmidt also had posed as a physician, that he had committed forgery on numerous occasions, and that he had been guilty of various other acts of fraud. His attorneys pleaded their client was insane.

The slayer, however, always contended that he was sane. He took no active part in his own defense. When he was sentenced he thanked the court, and expressed a desire to be executed at once. He maintained the same stolid composure through all the various stages of his case.

G. W. U. DEBATE SOON.

Scheduled to Meet Team From University of Pittsburgh.

George Washington University is to hold its second debate of the season with a team from the University of Pittsburgh.

The George Washington team will be composed of J. G. Carter, Harold Keats and H. W. Kidder, all members of the law school, and is to uphold the affirmative side of the proposition that there should be an international police force to enforce international treaties and agreements and preserve international peace.

George Washington was defeated in its first debate, the University of North Carolina being the victor. Arrangements now are being made for a debate with the Catholic University of America.

"What Have You in Pianos At \$350?"

She stated that she could go no higher, and yet expected an instrument with a good musical tone, a responsive action and durable.

We requested her to try the new 1916 model—Style K—

GABLER PIANOS

It pleased her immensely and she purchased it without persuasion. No effort at all to sell the Gabler Piano to those who will try it and compare it with any other piano at the price.

We've been selling the GABLER for 57 years.

Old pianos taken in exchange.

Monthly payments are accepted.

DROOP'S

Steinway Pianos 1300 G

## OFFICERS NEEDED FOR U. S. VESSELS

Secretary Redfield Suggests Changes in Regulations for Their Training.

WOULD EASE UP BURDENS WITHIN LIMIT OF SAFETY

Calls Matter to Attention of Supervising Inspectors, in Session Here.

Traditions of the service should not stand in the way of efforts toward building up a large American merchant marine, according to an opinion expressed in a letter just sent by Secretary Redfield to George Uhler, supervising inspector general of the steamboat inspection service. The Secretary directs attention to the large number of new ships about to go into service and to the lack of available officers for them, and asks that the board of supervising inspectors, now in session here, look into the matter of providing more rapid means of equipping officers for the merchant service.

He also asks the board to consider a change in the present requirement that auxiliary boilers be provided to run deck winches.

Insistence by the board of supervising inspectors on the latter requirement might result in the return to the United States of twenty-one ships of the American flag. The Secretary says that these vessels run their deck winches from the main boilers and, it is declared, to compel them to provide the auxiliary boilers would cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Would Apply to All.

Secretary Redfield said in discussing his letter that he did not intend that the fruit company's vessels should be exempted from this regulation, but that the steamboat inspectors should consider the matter in relation to all ships to see whether it was absolutely necessary in their opinion that they should have auxiliary boilers for these winches.

Calling attention to the danger that the ships may return to the British flag on account of this provision in the American law, Secretary Redfield said in his letter:

"Such a condition is unthinkable, and raises at once the question why, if these ships have, with their equipment, operated successfully, we should insist upon a more onerous burden upon our shipping merely because hitherto we have thought it more safe."

"I suggest for consideration that the best foreign practice, not perhaps average practice, but the best foreign practice, which has been approved by time and experience under careful management, should be satisfactory, and that to impose an extensive burden beyond that is a matter putting us at once upon the defensive, requiring very strong arguments and very clear explanations. Our mere preference would hardly be sufficient to satisfy the public in a case of this kind."

Not to Abandon Safety.

"I am not indicating my own views. The board will, of course, feel free to act as it thinks best. I am merely suggesting principles which I feel certain the public would recognize as sound. Here again safety first by all means, but we do not install safety doors on private houses."

The Secretary says further that if the board finds that the rules of American practice are more onerous than the rules of other countries, it would be well for the body to consider with great care whether or not they should be modified. It points out that any modification which "would relieve the burden on American ships, while at the same time providing an ample measure of safety, would be a boon to our shipping much needed now."

Taking up the question of providing additional officers, he asks that the board give prompt consideration to every available means for training young officers, remarking: "Safety first by all means and without question, but this does not necessarily mean adherence to former methods under new conditions, provided new and safe methods can be supplied. The subject should have your very serious attention, and tradition should not count unless it can be shown there is no other effective way."

GIVES ITS FIRST CONCERT.

Orchestra of Takoma Park Parish Men's Club Entertains.

Under the direction of U. S. J. Dunbar, director, the orchestra of the Takoma Park Parish last evening gave the first of a series of concerts in the parish hall of Trinity Church. The orchestra was assisted by Edward Van Look of the United States Marine Band, Miss Helen Rogers Smith, Mrs. Walker Boekman and Fred E. Barbour. Refreshments were served and dancing followed.

Members of the orchestra are U. S. J. Dunbar, director; violins, R. A. Hart (concert master), Lawton Herriman, Robert L. Lerch, Jr., Alexander Boyd, Jr., and J. A. Harris; viola, E. P. Sparks; cellos, Paul Dunbar and Edward Mateosian; double bass, L. L. Lockwood; flutes, Arthur R. Colburn and Peter Koetz; clarinet, Dr. W. W. Stockberger; cornet, Clarence Colcord; trombone, M. L. Woodall; drums, W. E. Stewart, and piano, Whitney Herriman.

Want Road Via Bladensburg.

A mass meeting is to be held in the town hall at Bladensburg, Md., Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Decatur Heights Citizens' Association.

The meeting is to be held in the interest of having a road built between Washington and Annapolis via Bladensburg. A number of speakers are announced to be present and discuss the matter.

A microscope so delicate that it will measure one-millionth of an inch has been invented by a British scientist.

Four cities in Germany have proved the worth of overhead monorail railroads, and a fifth is building one.

## WILL URGE THE SWEDES TO START PEACE FIGHT

Lars P. Nelson to Preach Crusade in Sweden for Conference of Neutral Nations.

Announcing his purpose to preach a crusade in Sweden for a conference of neutral nations which shall mediate between the warring nations in Europe, Lars P. Nelson, a former editor from Denver, member of the recent Ford peace expedition, has outlined his plan to Representative London of New York.

He is going to take as the basis of his appeal the principles laid down in the London resolution, and in case Congress fails to adopt it I shall try to get the idea adopted as the program of the socialists in the Swedish parliament.

"During my visit in Sweden as one of the Ford party I found the radicals to be strongly in favor of the calling of a conference of the neutral governments to seek to end the war," said Mr. Nelson.

London Resolution His Cue.

"I am returning to Sweden to write of the situation there and to lecture throughout the country. I am going to take as the basis of my appeal the principles laid down in the London resolution, and in case Congress fails to adopt it I shall try to get the idea adopted as the program of the socialists in the Swedish parliament."

Mr. Nelson plans to get into touch immediately upon his arrival in the Swedish capital with Haalmar Branting, veteran leader of the socialists, and will discuss with him the agitation which is to be carried on.

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THE EVENING STAR, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1916.

Why She Was Sad.

The groom—Why so sad, sweetheart? The bride—I was just thinking how miserable I'd be, Jack, if I had never met you.

DIAMOND BARGAINS

Diamonds bought far below their value and sold at a slight advance.

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